

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract with the following re-written Abstract:

The present invention provides a project program change management system which is combined with a ~~means-of~~ program change inference unit that traces or infers and specifies the tasks and the milestones that are directly and indirectly influenced by the program change and a ~~means-of~~ program change notice unit that automatically inform the program change notices to the stake holders who are relevant to the tasks and the milestones that are influenced by the project program change. By using this system, it can be possible to eliminate the troubles in communication carried on with the project.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 32, with the following re-written paragraph:

By using an example of a simple project 201 shown in FIG. 2, a sequential flow carried out in the function of Project Program Change Management System 101 from tracing the influence caused by the process change to informing a notice to the stake holders of the influence caused by the process change.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, with the following re-written paragraph:

When Program Change Influence Inference Functional Unit 104 receives Program Change Request 103, two null lists (such as a work list and a program change influence list) are opened and the names of the objects which are to be changed are added in step 401.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 21, with the following re-written paragraph:

FIG. 5 shows a resultant table 501 of the program change influence list for such an example that the ending date of the task TASK1 is delayed by one to five days. For instance, if the ending date of the task TASK1 is set to be one-day delayed, no objects are influenced by this delay and the direct effect as "TASK1 delays one day" is indicated in the program change influence list.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 27, with the following re-written paragraph:

Stake Holder Data Base 108 includes the stake holder information (2) as shown in FIG. 7. The stake holder information 701 (2) shows the correspondence to the information such as the name of the representative 702, his or her phone number 703 and e-mail addresses 704, all of which are the attribution information of each of the stake holders.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 1, with the following re-written paragraph:

An example of the program change notice is explained in FIG. 9. As a sample 901, when the "three-days delay in the ending date of [[TAKS1]] TASK1" is requested, an influence, that is, the task TASK1 delays by three days and the task [[TAKS3]] TASK3 delays by one day is inferred and specified by Program Change Influence Inference Functional Unit 104.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 7, with the following re-written paragraph:

FIG. 10 shows how the sample of the planning master has been modified. The arrow signs 1001 and 1002 indicate the delays of the ending dates of TASK1 and TASK2. The samples of the planning master data and the restrictive condition data which correspond to FIG. 10 are shown in FIG. 11. It can be found that the starting date and the ending date 1101 of the Object Name 301 task TASK1 surrounded by a rectangle and the starting date and the ending date 1102 of the task TASK3 surrounded by a rectangle have been modified.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 16, with the following re-written paragraph:

In this example, the task TASK1 is a direct object to be modified or changed. The task TASK3 is indirectly influenced by the modification of TASK1. As shown in FIG. 9B, the details 902 of the task TASK3 regarding the relevant stakeholder according to the result of a flow carried out in Program Change Notice Functional Unit 105 are "Weld Group 1", "Section Manager of Weld Groups", "Section Manager of Sales Section 1", "Yamada Building Contraction" and "Suzuki Construction".

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 25, with the following re-written paragraph:

The program change notice regarding the task TASK3 is to be notified for these five stake holders. Further details of the stake holders can be obtained. For example, the attribution of "Manager of Sales Section 1" is obtained such as the manager name of Sales Section 1, the telephone number, the electric mail address as shown in FIG. 9C by the result 903 of a flow carried out in Program Change Notice Functional Unit 105.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 8, with the following re-written paragraph:

Program Change Reply 1312 is concretely done by the stake holder using an electric mail or an instant message, of which formats are compliant to the pre-determined format. It may be considered that the case such that the stake holder inputs onto WWW Browser, but the present invention does not confine to using such input for the communication. For example, FIG. 14 shows the case when a reply to the mail message of Program Change Notice 1401, similar to Program Change Notice 1201 as shown in FIG. 12, is created with a input reply format of the program change called Reply Input for Program Change Notice 1402 where the series number of the program change notice and the name of the replying person (that is the stake holder and the name of the representative) are automatically formed on the basis of the electric mail message of Program Change Notice.